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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 14 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. sharp	4436th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Cyprus

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2001/1122)

Morning*	4437th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Letter dated 10 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1072)

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4436th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 86th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.10)

   (b) Amendment (A/56/L.11)

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/56/L.49) [29]

3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/56/L.46) [35]

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/56/L.41/Rev.1) [33]

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: draft resolution (A/56/L.43) [21 (a)]

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

7. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/56/L.14, A/56/L.51 and Corr.1, A/56/L.55)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/56/L.39, A/56/L.49, A/56/L.52, A/56/L.53, A/56/L.54, A/56/L.56, A/56/L.58, A/56/L.60)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/56/L.57)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/56/L.50)

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/56/L.59)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Part IV: International cooperation for development:

Section 11B: International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/56/6/Add.1 (Section 11B) and A/56/7/Add.3)

Introduction and general discussion

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25 and A/56/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/56/659 and A/56/7/Add.4)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (Consideration of statements of programme budget implications))

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* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Mandatory age of separation
2. Programme budget implications
3. Draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

3 p.m.	9th meting	Conference Room 1

1. Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process [4] (E/CN.5/2001/PC/5)
2. Preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing [3]
3. Closure of the session

Afternoon* - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing

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* Following the 9th meeting.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (i) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 21 (i), organized by the delegation of Romania (on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Chairmanship-in-Office), will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 22 (Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)

Open-ended informal consultations will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. on draft resolution A/56/L.61 under agenda item 22. All delegations are invited to attend.

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An informal (closed) meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on consultation of troop contributors will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 14 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

8 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the outcome of the Pan American Symposium on Ageing and Health: Innovative Approaches on Health and Social Services Addressed to the Older Adult Population (Quebec City, 6-8 December 2001), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, *today*, 14 December 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room C. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (tel.: (212) 848-1176).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) *today*, 14 December 2001, at *3.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 15 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee before the meeting (room S-3420A).

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The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss all outstanding issues, including elections (postponed vacancies) and the elections of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal (closed) consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Tuesday, 18 December, at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than *today*, 14 December 2001.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

An expert group meeting on "Structural Threats to Social Integrity: Social Roots of Violent Conflict and Indicators for Prevention" will take place from Tuesday to Thursday, 18 to 20 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting, to be conducted in English, is organized by the Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please contact Ms. Brigid Donelan (tel.: (212-963-3173).

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Forum

There will be a closed meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Forum.

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Briefing

There will be a press briefing on the launch of the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 18 December 2001 at 3.35 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (tel.: (212) 848-1162).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.37 and A/C.2/56/L.66

The representative of Japan orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, as orally corrected, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37.

The Secretary read out a statement on conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2 and L.67

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.67, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (c).

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 and L.69

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69.

The representative of Belgium made a statement regarding the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 96 (a).

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.25 and L.73

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25.

The representative of Ethiopia orally revised the draft resolution as a result of further informal consultations.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, as orally revised.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, as orally revised, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 96.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(b) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.24 and L.74

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 97 (b).

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/56/221.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 97.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.11 and L.71

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11 (A/C.2/56/L.19). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications equally applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Japan.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil, Nigeria and Egypt.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document *A/56/19*.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (a).

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.17/Rev.1 and L.70

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (A/C.2/56/L.51). The Secretary informed the Committee that the programme budget implications equally applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Belgium made a statement regarding the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Nigeria.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (c).

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.41 and L.77

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41 (A/C.2/56/L.50). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications also applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77, submitted on the basis of informal con-sultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 98 (f).

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.13 and L.72

The Rapporteur of the Committee, Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.72), which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.72, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 99 (a).

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.64

The Secretary read out an oral revision to the draft resolution.

The representatives of Namibia and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) further orally amended the draft decision.

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised and amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 99 (b).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the Note of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/56/174).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.75

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.75) which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39.

The representative of New Zealand orally amended the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution (in English only), as orally amended.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.75 (in English only), draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.40 and L.76

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.76) which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution (in English only).

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution (in English only), draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

Training and research [104]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.30 and L.68

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30 (A/C.2/56/L.55). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications, as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.55, did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68. The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications pertaining to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement regarding the Russian text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 104.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [106 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.59 and L.78

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications pertaining to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/56/208, A/56/297 and Corr.1 and A/56/434.

The Committee has thus concluded its consideration of item 106.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Documentation submitted under the item

On the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee took note of documents A/56/3 and Add.2, namely chapters I to V, VII (sections A to C and E to H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council, A/56/459 and A/56/127-E/2001/101 and A/56/127/Add.1-E/2001/101/Add.1.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2002-2003

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit introduced and orally revised document A/C.2/56/L.60.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Cameroon.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2002-2003, as orally revised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 12.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cameroon, Canada (on behalf of the members of JUSCANZ (Andorra, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States, and the JUSCANZ observer for the Russian Federation)) and Guyana.

The Chairman declared closed the fifty-sixth session of the Second Committee.

Thursday, 13 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Nepal, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.20.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement regarding the financial amounts to be inserted on the five peacekeeping missions before the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.16.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic spoke on a point of clarification.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to the point of clarification.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda sub-item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17, introduced by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) at the Committee's 34th meeting held on Monday, 10 December.

The representative of the United States requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17, which were retained by a recorded vote of 69 votes to 2, with 40 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement and then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 110 to 2.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Japan, Lebanon, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements in the exercise in the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Other matters

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

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Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

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Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

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Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade. New York, 12 December 2001

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